Changes in the Pharmacy Curriculum as a Result of 3+3+4

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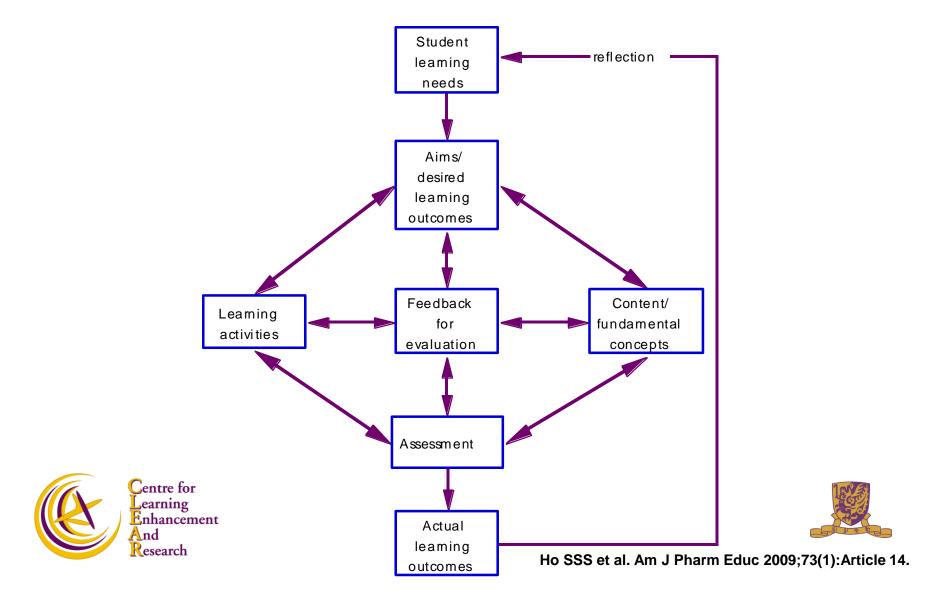


- Outcomes-based approach (OBA)
- Whole person education
 - Major courses (BPharm)
 - General education
 - Languages (English and Chinese)
 - Physical education
 - Information technology
 - Other electives (e.g. minor degree)





OBA Curriculum Planning Model



Outcomes Statement for 2012

The Pharmacy Programme aims at preparing graduates to become integral members of the health-care team with primary responsibility in managing the safe and cost-effective use of medications and other therapies for the treatment and prevention of disease.



Programme Learning Outcomes in 2001 Curriculum Revision

Professional Knowledge / Skills

- Professional knowledge
- Professional attitude
- Work manner
- Use of information
- Counseling skills

Generic Competencies

- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Self-managed learning
- Adaptability
- Problem solving
- General communication skills
- Interpersonal skills and groupwork



Upon the completion of the 4-year Pharmacy programme, the graduate is:

Professional knowledge and application (K/S)

- prepared with scientific and professional knowledge and skills for contemporary pharmaceutical practice
- able to collect and interpret scientific and clinical data
- able to adopt a systematic approach in analyzing and solving problems in the manufacture and quality assurance of pharmaceutical products

Professional attitude and conduct (S/V)

- able to accept responsibility for his/her own actions and decisions
- able to apply relevant ethical and legal principles in the practice of pharmacy
- able to uphold the professional code of conduct

Professional communication (S)

- able to communicate effectively with patients, peers, other health professionals and the public
- confident and competent in counselling patients and clients on prescription, non-prescription and consumer health products

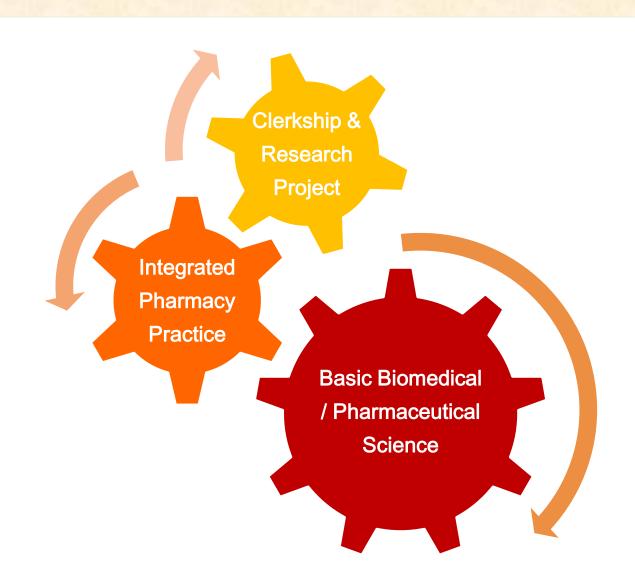
Information evaluation and decision-making (K/S)

- able to retrieve and critically evaluate medical/pharmaceutical literature
- able to identify and appropriately utilize drug information resources to assist with patient-specific drug therapy monitoring
- confident in making decisions on patients' drug therapy and recommending appropriate treatment

Continuing education and lifelong learning (K/S/V)

• able to build upon his/her knowledge and skills and engage in lifelong continuing education and professional development

3-year Programme Structure



Main Features of the 4-year BPharm at CUHK



- A faculty core to promote inter-professional education
 - Foundation Course for Health Sciences I & II
 - Public Health & Health-care Ethics
 - Communication Skills
- Introduce new elective courses
- Expand the practice-based pharmacy clerkships → longer duration, more choices
- Retain the research option in the final year
- Emphasis on personal/professional development and lifelong learning in pharmacy

Knowledge and Skills Clusters

Y4 Pharmacy clerkship/research project (Capstone)

Y1,2,3,4 Integrated pharmacy practice courses

Y1,2,3,4 Pharmaceutical sciences courses

Y1,2 Biomedical science courses

Y1 Faculty foundation courses

Pharmacy Programme Framework

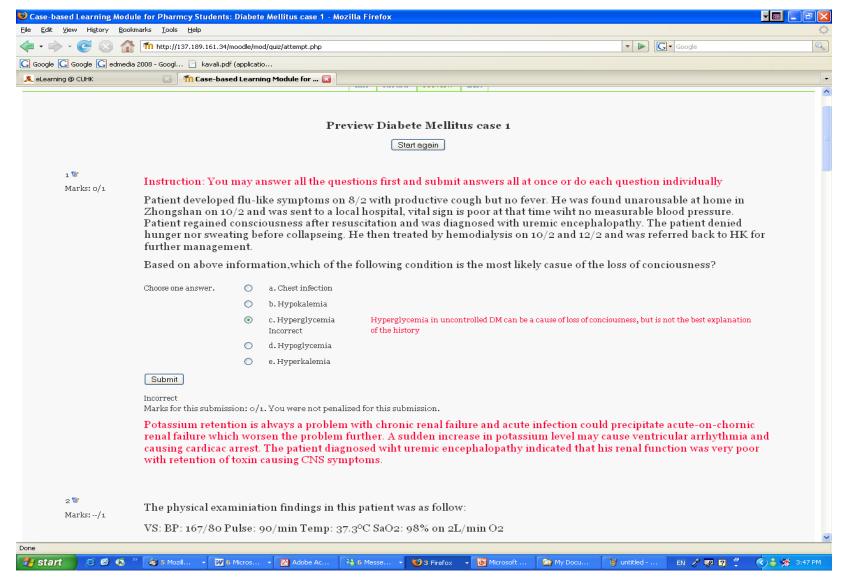
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Integrated Pharmacy Practice	Integrated Pharmacy Practice	Integrated Pharmacy Practice	Personal Development in Pharmacy Pharmacy Clerkship / Research	
Pharmaceutical Sciences		milegrated i namiaey i factice	Project	
Biomedical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences			
Faculty Foundation Courses	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Integrated Pharmacy Practice	
	Biomedical Sciences			
			Pharmaceutical Sciences	

Pharmacy Course Structure

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4		Electives
	Principles of Pharmaceutical Dispensing	Clinical Assessment & Monitoring			
		Contemporary Pharmacy Practice	Personal Development in Pharmacy		
Introduction to Pharmacy	Pharmacology & Therapeutics I		Clinical Pharmacy Clerkship : Internal Medicine	Research Project I	Community Pharmacy Practical Training
		Pharmacy Law	Community Pharmacy Clerkship	· Research Project II	Geriatrics Outreach Training
	Dosage Form Science I				Hospital Pharmacy Practical Training
Fundamentals of	Dosage Form Science F	Pharmacology & Therapeutics II	Other elective		
Pharmaceutical Chemistry Clinical Microbiology & Infection Control	Dosage Form Science II		clerkship		· Combined Pharmacy Clerkship
Communication Skills	Fundamentals of Herbal Medicines	Pharmacology & Therapeutics III	Complementary & Alternative Medicine		Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance
	Pharmaceutical Analysis	Biopharmaceutics & Pharmacokinetics	Community Pharmacy Practice		Healthcare System Management
Public Health & Healthcare Ethics	Anatomy & Physiology I				Principles of Management & Pharmaceutical Marketing
		Medicinal Chemistry & Drug Design	Pharmacology & Therapeutics IV		
Foundation course for Health Sciences I	Anatomy & Physiology II				Pharmaceutical Research Methods
Foundation course for Health Sciences II	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Pharmaceutical Product Development & Manufacturing	Pharmacogenomics & Pharmaceutical Biotechnology		Drug Product Design & Innovation

Expanded eLearning







Overseas Exchange





Core BPharm Curriculum

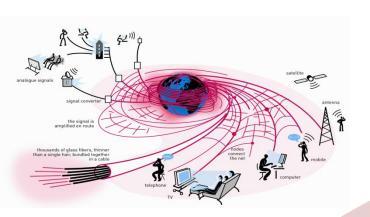


Community Outreach Summer Practical Training





Personal & Professional Development in Pharmacy



of learning outcomes & Identify identify own learning strengths / needs and weaknesses make plans

Reflect on

achievement

professional profile for future employment and/or postgraduate studies

Develop a

Demonstrate capability in pursuing lifelong learning and continuing education in pharmacy

Admissions Issues

Admissions 2012

- Double Cohort (3 yr and 4 yr)
- ↑ student quota from 30 to 55 per class
- Admissions quota from 30 ightarrow 110 students

• Final intake of 112 students!!!

Major Schemes for Admission

JUPAS

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examinations (HKDSE)

Local Non-JUPAS

- Degree Holders
 - Local Universities
 - Overseas Universities
- Undergraduate Students
 - CUHK: By Transfer
 - Other Universities
- High School Graduates
 - e.g. IB, GCE AL, IGCSE

New Curriculum 2012 Intake

- JUPAS: 56 students
 - Main round: 53
 - Other experiences and achievements (OEA): 1
 - Appeal cases: 2

- Local Non-JUPAS: 2 students
 - Degree Holder: 1
 - IGCSE: 1

JUPAS Admission Rankings

- 4-year Programme
 - Top 2nd in University ranking

- 3-year Programme
 - Top 4th in University ranking
 - 4th in 2011
 - 2nd in 2010
 - 3rd in 2009

Challenges for Admission

- JUPAS applicants
 - The band-A applicant number is more than double
 - HKDSE cohort is 130+ vs. AL cohort is 60+
 - High manpower demand to conduct interviews
- Non-JUPAS applicants with higher qualification than 6th formers
 - 4-year program less attractive?
 - Advance standing?

Opportunities

- Any differences between 3-yr and 4-yr cohorts taking same Y1 courses?
 - Introduction to Pharmacy
 - Fundamentals of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
 - Clinical Microbiology and Infection Control

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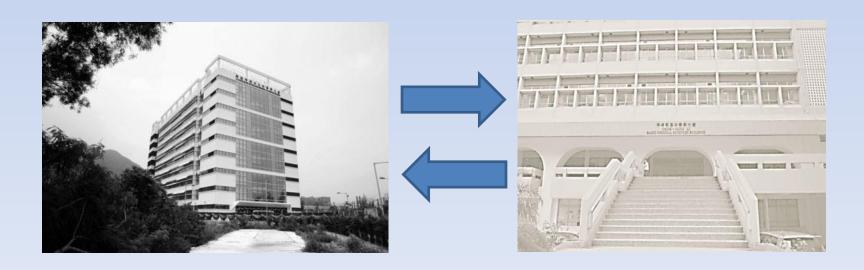
- Faculty package → big classes
 - effective in teaching communication skills?
 - financial arrangements on the teaching?
- Increase in student intake quota → ↑ by 25 (class size 55) → No increase in head count
- Laboratory sessions → resource intense
 - medicinal chemistry, pharmacy practice (dispensing techniques), pharmaceutical analysis, pharmaceutics, and herbal medicines...etc.
- Clerkships

 challenge to recruit adjunct tutors

Additional Challenges

Separation of teaching and research → ↓
 efficiency

Relationship with students -> compromised?



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